WRITTERN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Change in geographical map due to Tsunami

*326. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that following Tsunami, the geographical map of the country has undergone a change;

(b) if so, whether any assessment in this regard has been made by the Survey of India or any other agency;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent of changes in the geographical map?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) No sir, the geographical map of India has not undergone much of change except in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(b) to (d) Survey of India has inducted a Global Positioning System (GPS) and tidal teams for initial assessment of the changes in the horizontal position as well as in the mean sea level. Efforts are on to prepare large scale topographical map of the Andaman & Nicobar area.

Reduction in land line charges

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SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the private and even Government Cellular and WLL service providers are effectively competing with Land Line Service Providers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner, Government would make land line charges much

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.